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(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Hacker Group Releases Password to Alleged NSA Files

(U) New York - A secretive group that published a trove of hacking tools allegedly used by US spies has released a password that it says can unlock related files. In a Medium post, the "Shadow Brokers" group revealed a password to files associated with the leaked toolkit, purportedly from the US National Security Agency (NSA). Some security experts tweeted that the password works, but that couldn't be independently verified. An October 2016 leak by the group included information that experts said might identify computers used to obscure US electronic eavesdropping.

SOURCE: 8 April 2017, AP

(U) Texas – Emergency Warning System Operational After Suspected Hack

(U) Dallas - The late-night sounding of emergency warning sirens, was due to a hacker being able to access and repeatedly activate the system, Dallas city officials say. Yesterday a city official said in an email that engineers have been running silent test on the emergency warning system over the past 24 hours. The city expects to resume regular monthly testing in May. Outdoor warning sirens sounded in Dallas overnight Friday, causing alarm despite no severe weather or other active emergency in the area. The sirens were first heard at about 11:45 p.m., and sounded on and off intermittently across the city. SOURCE: 8 April 2017, NBC DFW

(U) Wisconsin - More Than 150 Officers Involved in Search for Anti-Government Manifesto Writer

(U) Janesville - About 150 to 160 officers from south-central Wisconsin and beyond are involved in a manhunt for a Janesville felon who authorities say stole guns, threatened public officials, and wrote a 161-page anti-government manifesto that he sent to President Trump. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Commander said since the search began Thursday for Joseph Jakubowski, 32, and law enforcement has received 320 tips and leads. Jakubowski is a suspect in a gun shop break-in and theft in Janesville Tuesday evening. Authorities say he also made suggestions about attacking several targets, including schools.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, La Crosse Tribune

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt - ISIL Claims Responsibility for Palm Sunday Church Bombings

(U) Tanta – Suicide bombers struck hours apart at two Coptic churches in northern Egypt, killing 44 people and turning Palm Sunday services into scenes of horror and outrage at the government that led the president to call for a three-month state of emergency. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for the violence, adding to fears that extremists are shifting their focus to civilians, especially Egypt's Christian minority. The attacks in the northern cities of Tanta and Alexandria that also left 126 people wounded came at the start of Holy Week leading up to Easter. It was the single deadliest day for Christians in decades and the worst since a bombing at a Cairo church in December 2016 killed

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30 people. Late Sunday night, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi called for a three-month state of emergency.

SOURCE: 9 April 2017, AP News

(U) Philippines – US Embassy Warns Citizens in Central Visayas on Kidnappings

(U) Manila – The US Embassy in Manila on Sunday advised its citizens in Central Visayas against possible abductions by members of extremist groups. In an advisory dated April 9, 2017, the embassy said that it received "unsubstantiated yet credible" information that terrorist groups may attempt to conduct kidnappings in Central Visayas, which includes both Cebu and Bohol provinces. "US citizens are advised to carefully consider this information as you make your travel plans, and to review personal security plans, avoid large crowds and gatherings, and remain vigilant at all times," the travel advisory added. It also reminded its nationals of the most recent "Worldwide Caution" (dated 7 March 2017), which indicates that there is an ongoing threat of terrorist actions and violence against US citizens and interests abroad, including the Philippines.

SOURCE: 9 April 2017, GMA News

(U) Sweden – Terror Suspect Supported ISIL Online

(U) Stockholm – The man arrested on suspicion of a terror attack in the Swedish capital of Stockholm is reportedly an ISIL sympathizer from Uzbekistan. The 39-year-old allegedly expressed sympathy for the terror group online, according to the Swedish tabloid, Aftonbladet. A huge police investigation is underway after a lorry ploughed into crowds in a shopping area in central Stockholm, killing at least four people and injuring 15. Investigators have also arrested a second man in connection with the attack, according to Sweden's national public broadcaster SVT. Police believe he is connected to the other man who was arrested earlier, the station reported. Although armed police rushed to the scene shortly after the attack, the driver fled the scene. Officers later detained a suspect in the suburb of Märsta, around 25 miles north of the city center.

SOURCE: 8 April 2017, Independent

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico - Authorities Arrest Alleged Lieutenant of Jalisco Cartel

(U) Mexico City - Federal prosecutors in Mexico say they have apprehended a high-ranking operator of the Jalisco New Generation drug cartel. The prosecutors' office said yesterday that Ivan Margarito Esquivel Garcia, alias "El Terrible," was caught in the Pacific coast state of Colima. Esquivel Garcia, 28, was captured with a rifle and cocaine. He allegedly led the cartel's activities in the state of Colima and portions of the nearby state of Michoacan. Esquivel Garcia is wanted for the March 2017 murder of Carlos Sierra Santana, a founder and leader of a rival gang, "The Viagras." The Jalisco cartel is considered one of Mexico's fastest-growing gangs, and one of its most violent.

SOURCE: 9 April 2017, AP

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